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FM AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

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SUBJECT: UNANSWERED CORRESPONDENCE

REF: A. STATE 284247 B. STATE 227437 C. SINGAPORE A114

D. DEPT'S OM DATED 5/30/75

1. IN REPLY REF (D) RECEIVED HERE JUNE 27, 1976, REF (C) UPDATED LIST OF ATTORNEYS WAS FORWARDED TO THE DEPT ON NOVEMBER 12. THIS WAS ALSO IN RESPONSE TO STATE AIRGRAM A 4014 OF AUGUST 26, 1976. AS IN PAST YEARS, THE RESERVATIONS EXPRESSED BY THE SINGAPORE BAR ASSOCIATION NOT TO ALLOW PUBLICATION OF PARTICULARS ON INDIVIDUAL ATTORNEYS REMAIN ENFORCED THROUGHOUT THE LEGAL PROFESSION HERE.

2. ON SEPTEMBER 16, THE EMBASSY REFERRED THE MATTER OF OBTAINING JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE IN SINGAPORE FOR ACCESS TO BANK RECORDS (REF B) TO THE REGISTRAR OF THE SUPREME COURT. DUE TO LACK OF RESPONSE THE EMBOFF RAISED MATTER INFORMALLY WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL TAN BOON TEIK. HE SAID THE GOS WOULD PROBABLY HONOR A PROPER LETTER ROGATORY ISSUED BY A U.S. DISTRICT COURT, AND SUGGESTED THAT THE BEST PROCEDURE WOULD BE FOR THE EMBASSY TO PRESENT THE LETTER ROGATORY TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. HOWEVER, HE SAID IF WE WISHED TO BE SURE THIS PROCEDURE WAS CORRECT, WE SHOULD FIRST DIRECT A LETTER TO MFA AND ASK WHETHER THIS PROCEDURE WOULD BE SATISFACTORY. EMBASSY HAS SENT MFA A LETTER IN ACCORDANCE WITH HIS SUGGESTION.

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EMBASSY WILL ADVISE DEPT, AS SOON AS MFA RESPONSE

IS RECEIVED. MEANWHILE, IN VIEW OF ATTORNEY GENERAL'S
INFORMAL OPINION AND WITH VIEW TO EXPEDITING CASE,
SUGGEST JUSTICE DEPT. OBTAIN LETTER ROGATORY FROM U.S.
DISTRICT COURT AND FORWARD TO CONSUL ROBERT PETERSON
ASAP.
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